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DWD Launches Updated Career Tool for Hoosier Students

Hoosier Hot 50 Provides Information about Top High-Wage/High-Demand Jobs by 2018

INDIANAPOLIS (September 30, 2010) – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today unveiled an updated tool for Hoosier students and educators seeking guidance about the top high-wage/high-demand careers of the future. The “Hoosier Hot 50” lists the top 50 high-wage jobs in the state by 2018. First introduced in 2006, it is published every two years by DWD.

“This material will help young Hoosiers and others identify the skills needed in the future.” said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. “I encourage all middle school, high school and college students to check out HoosierHot50.com as they consider what they want to do when they enter the workforce.”

The 2010 Hoosier Hot 50 features a new website with video profiles of Hoosiers currently working in each position. The profiles give people an inside look at a typical day on the job and how each person broke into that field. The profiles also include data on the number of projected job openings by 2018, average salary and the education/training required for that career.

“The Hoosier Hot 50 includes jobs representing a wide variety of interests and educational backgrounds,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett. “The common prerequisite for each of these positions is post-secondary training of some type beyond high school. That is why it is critical we create strong pathways for every student to achieve college or career success.”

Highlights of the 2010 Hoosier Hot 50

- No Change at #1 – Computer Software Engineer stays the top job of the future in Indiana.
- 17 new jobs broke into the Hoosier Hot 50. The highest debut is Counselor at #9.
- Don’t get too excited Purdue fans – Boilermaker (the job) cracks the Top 50 at #49
- Due to the economy, DWD created a special “Hot Now” symbol that highlights jobs on the list that are currently in-demand.

The full list of jobs and profiles are available at www.HoosierHot50.com.

The Hoosier Hot 50 is produced by DWD Research and Analysis team. It is based on eight weighted measurements including long-term growth forecasts (2018), job openings due to turnover in current workforce, and salary. The DWD Team that created this forecasting model was honored in 2006 with a Public Service Award from Governor Mitch Daniels and has trained other states on this program at the request of the U.S. Department of Labor.